



EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES SECTION

What we do:

The Epidemiologic Studies Section, located in the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (CDHS/OA), HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch provides support to the HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch through:

- The application of rigorous and innovative scientific studies that provide the basis for HIV-related policy and program decisions within OA, CDHS, and other state/local agencies.
- Advocacy for the effective use of HIV/AIDS information for preventing HIV infections and improving the quality of life among those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Selected current projects:

- The Young Men Survey - A population-based survey designed to assess risk behaviors and the prevalence of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among young men from low-income neighborhoods in five northern California counties.
- The National Behavioral Surveillance study - A series of HIV risk and prevention surveys of men who have sex with men, injection drug users, and high-risk heterosexuals.
- The Morbidity Monitoring Project - A population-based survey of persons with HIV designed to assess experiences with care.
- The Transborder Latino Women's Health Study - A study conducted to investigate risk behaviors, attitudes towards sex, and the prevalence of STDs among Latino women from San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico.

Selected publications:

HIV-related Risk among Hispanic Immigrant Men in a Population-Based Household Survey in Low-Income Neighborhoods of Northern California. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* 2005;32:487-490.

Prenatal HIV Counseling and Testing in California: Women's Experiences and Providers' Practices. *AIDS Education and Prevention* 2002; 14:190-195.

Trends in Hepatitis C and HIV Infection Among Inmates Entering Prisons in California, 1994 Versus 1999. *AIDS* 2002;16:2236-2238.

Ethnic Disparity in HIV Prevalence and Zidovudine Treatment Among Childbearing Women and Pediatric AIDS Cases in California. *AIDS* 2002;16:2469-2473.

HIV Prevalence and Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Men Who Have Sex with Men – Results from a Statewide Population-based Survey in California, United States. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, In Press.

Selected reports:

The Use of Existing Prevention Methods for Contraception and Sexually Transmitted Infections and Interest in Microbicides Among Women in California.

California HIV Seroprevalence Annual Report 2002.

Compliance with California's Non-Name HIV Reporting System: A Survey of Health Care Providers, Laboratories, and Local Health Departments.

To access and download these and other reports see Website
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS/Reports/default.htm>.

